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## Water and electricity bills to climb again in July!



**BALASHI** -- Last April WEB Aruba N.V. announced an increase in water and electricity tariffs. Again WEB is contemplating another tariff increase. Since their last calculation, the price of Fuel Oil on the international market has continued to go up.

For the price calculation in April they used the price of US\$93.00 a barrel of fuel oil. Since April to the present the price of Fuel Oil has continued to go up. For the major portion of this past period the price has been US\$ 100.00. This has caused the real cost of the production of water and electricity to be higher than the income generated, resulting in a loss in income for WEB. If this loss was for a relatively short span this would not be a problem for WEB, they would be able to absorb this loss. However, because this situation has endured for quite some time WEB is unable to continue absorbing this kind of loss.

One of the primary requirements of the financial institutions backing WEB is

that they must remain financially sound at all times. For this reason the financial management of WEB is so critically important. And, even though a price increase at this time is not desirable, the financial situation of WEB does not allow for the absorption of more losses.

WEB monitors the price of Fuel Oil on a daily basis. However, in light of the actual situation and the price of Fuel Oil on the international market there is a high probability that come July 1st the water and electricity tariff will be increased.

The management of WEB is well aware of the fact that any increase will not be a popular matter for the community. On the other hand the management is responsible for the responsible continuation of the company and its supply of water and electricity; hence they cannot continue to absorb the additional expenses on end.

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## Go ahead, take on the house at Crystal & Seaport Casinos



Friday, in the early morning hours, Mr. Adriaan Beukers from Netherlands hit the straight flush, winning the neat sum of \$ 3225! Mr. Adriaan Beukers and family were very excited with his winnings. Photo shows Mr. Adriaan Beukers receiving he's winning from Crystal Casino shift manager Marian Croes and hostess Sylvienne Boye. Crystal & Seaport Casinos Simply the Best! For more information call: 583600 ext.6318/6437 and find us on facebook



**MONACO:** A woman is seen working as part of the preparation of the ceremony of the Monaco royal wedding of Prince Albert II and South African swimming champ Charlene Wittstock at Monaco's palace inner courtyard. Prince Albert and his South African swimming champion fiancée Charlene Wittstock will celebrate their wedding over two days on July 2, 2011 and 3. Prince Albert II is to wed statuesque South African swimming champ Charlene Wittstock in successive civil then religious ceremonies on July 1st and 2 in a festival of princely pomp overlooking the Mediterranean. (AFP PHOTO)



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## Major LatAm summit postponed due to Chavez illness

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AFP) - The first meeting of a new Latin American regional bloc scheduled for next week in Venezuela has been postponed due to President Hugo Chavez's health issues, officials said Wednesday.

"It was a medical recommendation," Brazilian Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota told reporters at a meeting of the trade body Mercosur in Asuncion, Paraguay after being informed by his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro.

Chavez, who is recovering from an illness in a Havana hospital, had been expected to chair the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC, its Spanish-language acronym) summit.

Earlier, sources close to the new CELAC regional body, which was to hold its inaugural summit July 5-6 in Caracas, said only that it had been sus-

pended "for now and will be held at another date."

Its creation, including all American nations apart from the United States and Canada, was a landmark move in Chavez's efforts to be a regional powerbroker.

The 56-year-old Venezuelan leader has been in Cuba since June 8, where he was visiting on an official visit.

He was rushed into emergency surgery on June 10 after suffering sharp pain diagnosed as a pelvic abscess that required immediate attention.

His uncharacteristic silence in the following weeks left people in Venezuela speculating that Chavez might have had plastic surgery, could be hiding a more serious ailment, or was drumming up sympathy ahead of a 2012 election in which he will seek a third term.

## Crews begin preventative burns near US nuclear lab

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) - Fire crews in Los Alamos, New Mexico, began targeted burns yesterday along the western edge of a major US nuclear laboratory to remove fuels as a massive wild-

fire raged nearby.

Los Alamos National Laboratory was closed yesterday and will also be closed today "because of risks presented by the Las Conchas Fire and the mandatory evacuation of

Los Alamos town site," the laboratory announced on its website.

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## US synagogue bomb plotters sentenced

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Three men arrested in a sting operation for planning to attack two New York synagogues and to shoot down US military planes were each sentenced Wednesday to 25 years in prison.

US Attorney Preet Bharara said the three "voluntarily agreed to target synagogues and military planes using what they thought were real bombs and missiles... Today's sentences ensure that the defendants will be punished for their actions."

The group discussed attacking synagogues in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, in New York city, and shooting down military aircraft from the Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, New York.



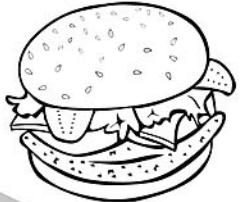
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A special petition goes to all government departments to send in the correct information requesting the reason they wish to be registered in the 2012 Community Pages.

Government departments can call tel. 525-1500 or fax the information to fax nr. 582-1501, attention Mrs. Lica Chai, or send an e-mail to Angelica.Chai@setar.aw

## Synchronized Aruban swimmer wins gold!

At the early age of 13, Kyra Hoevertsz is now a proud gold medalist having won the championship in the recently held Campeonato Centro Americano y Del Caribe hubenil (CCCCAN) in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. This win is definitely a historic one for the island of Aruba as this is the very first time that Aruba succeeds in winning gold in the solo event during a regional youth swimming championship.

The swimming competitions began last Monday morning with its first event, which was the solo event. Aruba competed in the 13 – 15 years category with two athletes, namely, Kyra Hoevertsz and Ariadne Goeij. Traditionally this age category is one of the most difficult during the youth championship, which was also very obvious in this championship game. Some 13 solo swimmers participated; coming from Mexico, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, the Dutch Antilles, Guatemala and Aruba.

Last Monday morning at the end of the musical routines Kyra came out at first place with a relatively high difference in points compared to her competitors. Kyra Hoevertsz ended up with a first place score of 69.333. The following three positions in the event resulted in having the exact same score... 68.000 points! This was for the Puerto Rican and Venezuelan swimmers. Ariadne de Goeij of Aruba completed at 9th place with her solo and 64.000 points.

Even though the first part of the competition placed Aruba in a firm and positive position, Aruba could not really shout for joy just yet.

On Tuesday morning Kyra and Ariadne had to swim four technical figures of which the result represented the second half of the final score. With respect to technical figures, among a total of 41 swimmers, Kyra came in at 4th place with a total of 34.122 points.

Although two swimmers from Venezuela and one from Mexico was ahead of Kyra, they could not out swim the tremendous lead she had over them since Monday morning.

As soon as the final results



were in the complete Aruban delegation and those here in Aruba let out a shout for joy. Kyra ended up in first place! Kyra Hoevertsz is champion of the Centro American and Caribbean games.

The competitions are continuing these days and we are following this meticulously. Aruba is competing in synchronization only and in two age categories, namely, ages 12 and under, and 13 – 15 years.

Aruba Zwembond wishes all our Aruban swimmers much success.

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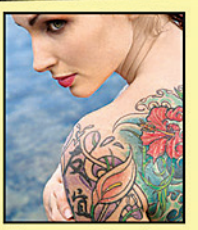
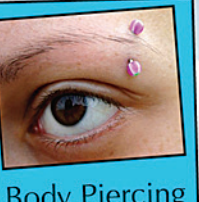
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Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, hands diploma to first female construction graduate Jaslane Zievinger



Graduates in construction with first female graduate Jaslane Zievinger



School Administrators recognize best in her class

All over the globe, graduates are receiving their diplomas to move on to join the work force or higher education, surrounded by proud family members, and Aruba is no exception. One many commencement exercises for Aruba over the past and coming weeks to mark this landmark occasion for proud parents and graduates took place on Tuesday evening, June 28 at the Renaissance Convention Center.

EPB, Aruba's entry level vocational school, awarded 149 diplomas to young islanders who will either take apprentice positions in Construction, Child Care, Business Administration, HORECA (HOTel, RESTaurant, CAF ) industry as cooks

or service help or to become certified electricians. A number will continue their education within EPB as there are 3 levels of academic training, and upon completing the preliminary Arbeidsmarkt level, students can advance to the next highest, Uitstroom. Those who entered the school in the highest level, Doorstroom, due to previous academic achievement, and maintained their grade level, immediately move on to the job market or an institution of advanced education such as the EPI, Aruba's Vocational Middle School, where they earn an Associates Degree.

Keynote Speaker for the evening was Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, who assisted in dis-

tributing the diplomas. EPB-Oranjestad alumni Ester Santos Do Nascimento also addressed the gathering on the importance of obtaining an education and their well-deserved pride with this moment, but encouraged them to continue to advance academically beyond EPB.

Following the awarding of the first two levels of diplomas, graduates and their families enjoyed a delicious buffet and were entertained by a fashion show put on by the NAC class. The evening ended with the awarding of the Doorstroom diplomas and the honoring of 3 students for academic achievement.

Most outstanding student with the highest grade point



Minister of Education joins Principal Ida Lamp and Vice Principal Dario Werleman

average for the school year 2010-2011 was Raul Alexander Juraquai Morris, who completed the Doorstroom level of Electrical Engineering. In the other two levels, highest academic achievers

are: Arbeidsmarkt: Shawn Jason Michael Mackintosh and Uitstroom: Dimitri van Tholen.

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## Water and electricity bills to climb again

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It is important to remark here that this news from WEB about raising the tariffs does not carry the approval of the government.

Observers indicate that this measure seems more like the creation of panic in an already volatile situation. Remarkable about this announcement from WEB is the fact that the government has not issued their concurrence with any such increase, and it appears that said approval from the government will not be forthcoming. This means that if there is indeed the absorption of an increase, that WEB NV will have to absorb said increase themselves.

WEB makes an appeal to everyone to use water and electricity responsibly to prevent getting a high bill in the upcoming months.

## Aruba Minister meets successful Dutch women

Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer, minister of economics, social affairs and culture, recently met with four successful women entrepreneurs in the Netherlands. Two of the four women were the sisters Corine and Germaine Hernandez-Croes of the Nubian Queen cosmetic firm. The other two are Yvonne Fortin of the Cake Du Fortin bakery and Serena Does who has studied psychology. Each one of these women shared with the Minister something of their professional careers and what they did to achieve success.

On the other hand, the Minister emphasized the crucial role that women must play in our economy and how they should capitalize on the opportunities that there are in this difficult market today. She also pointed to the various projects ongoing by the government of Aruba to en-

courage a better economy for Aruba. As Minister and as a woman she is convinced that women must take advantage of the opportunities to progress.

During the encounter with these successful women, the Minister learned from the two sisters who have been living in the Netherlands for the past 30 years, that they have plans to develop a housing project in Bonaire. Their cosmetic line "Nubian Queen" grew from the Netherlands to extend to other countries in Europe and now reaches as far as South Africa.

The housing project that Corine Hernandez and Germaine Hernandez have



planned for Bonaire is a massive undertaking and a giant investment. They are also contemplating doing the same in Aruba.

Yvonne Fortin also shared about her life in the Netherlands for the past 30 years,

and how she began her business baking cakes "Cake Du Fortin" located in Den Haag for the past 9 years. Together with her family they manage a successful business making cakes with special themes for all occasions.

Serena Does then shared how she succeeded in earning a Ph.D. in psychology and science in Leiden. She intends to travel to Aruba very soon to conduct a research related to her study... "Master of Science in Social and Organizational Psychology."

The four women were impressed with the attention that the Aruban Minister gave them during her working visit to the Netherlands. The Minister was in the Netherlands to present her economic plan for Aruba to a large group of invited persons. She also met with her royal highness Princes Laurentien regarding her book project. Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer also attended the presentation of the 'Zilveren Anjer' and then met with the directors of the Restoration Funds as well as the directors of the Micro Financing Team.



## Sci-Tech

### The future of the shipping industry?



REPUBLIC OF KOREA, BUSAN : The Mobile Harbour, a giant barge with a shallow draught and a stabilised crane is shown off the southern port of Busan on June 29, 2011. South Korean researchers showcased an invention which they claim could transform the shipping industry -- a harbour which goes out to a ship. The Mobile Harbour, a giant barge with a shallow draught and a stabilised crane, was put through its paces off the southern port of Busan as journalists looked on. AFP PHOTO

## Greenland ice melts most in half-century: US



Greenland's ice sheet melted the most it has in over a half century last year, US government scientists said Tuesday in one of a series of "unmistakable" signs of climate change.

"The world continues to warm," the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in a briefing paper for reporters.

"Multiple indicators, same bottom-line conclusion: consistent and unmistakable signal from the top of the atmosphere to the bottom of the oceans."

An annual climate survey, which includes work by sci-

entists from 45 countries, said that ice sheet in Greenland melted at its highest rate since at least 1958, when similar data first became available.

Arctic sea ice shrank to its third smallest area on record, while the world's alpine glaciers shrank for the 20th straight year, the study said.

In line with previous studies, the survey said that 2010 was also one of the hottest years on record.

Last year was either tied for the hottest or the second hottest on record, depending on methodology. But all methodologies used showed the temperature to be at least

0.9 degrees Fahrenheit (0.5 Celsius) above the average recorded in the three decades through 1990.

The survey noted that 2010 was exceptional for its extreme events, including a deadly heat wave in Russia, floods in Pakistan that displaced more than 20 million people and record snowfall in several US cities.

A series of studies have voiced alarm at the rapid pace of melting in the Arctic Ocean, which could lead to a rise in sea levels that threatens low-lying coastal areas and islands.

The Oslo-based Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program said in May that warming in the Arctic was on track to lift sea levels by up to 5.3 feet (1.6 meters) by 2100, a far steeper jump than predicted a few years ago.

Many environmentalists have been disappointed at the pace of diplomacy to fight climate change, with few expecting a major agreement at the next major UN-led talks opening in South Africa in late November.

Former US vice president Al Gore recently accused President Barack Obama of failing to show leadership on climate change, saying that poor coverage of the media had given credibility to skeptics of global warming.

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## Looking to Windows 8, Microsoft Unveils IE10 Platform Preview 2

Microsoft on Wednesday unveiled the second test version of its next Web browser, Internet Explorer 10. This will be the stock browser to ship with the highly anticipated Windows 8 operating system, expected next year, and today's release is actually the same IE engine used in Microsoft's first demo of Windows 8.

Internet Explorer 10 Platform Preview 2, as this release is formally known, implements several new HTML5 capabilities, turbocharges HTML5 performance, and adds some security options for Web applications.

The platform previews Microsoft started delivering in the lead-up to Internet Explorer 9 are bare-bones browser engines on which developers can try out their site code. Platform Preview 1 of IE10 was released at the

company's MIX11 conference in April. Ryan Gavin with Microsoft's IE team told PCMag today that "we continue to get a lot of good feedback from developers on the balance that we're striking between openness and transparency, while respecting developers' time as we deliver meaningful updates with the Platform Previews." This stands in contrast to some open source browsers' "nightly release" strategy.

Web browsers quest for HTML5 is awash in contradictions, including the fact that while it's a specification designed to foster cross-browser compatibility, the disparity among the browsers that support it couldn't be greater. Every browser implements its own subset of the standard and many times, a so-called HTML5 page will only display correctly in one.

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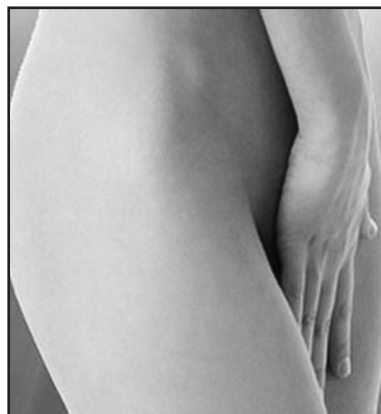
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## Health & Living

### Yeast infection (vaginal)



A vaginal yeast infection is a type of vaginitis — inflammation of the vagina — characterized by vaginal irritation, intense itchiness and vaginal discharge. Vaginal yeast infection — also called candidiasis — is very common. Many women experience two or more yeast infections. A vaginal yeast infection isn't considered a sexually transmitted disease, although the fungus that causes the condition can be spread through oral-genital contact. Yeast infection symptoms range from mild to severe, including:

\*Itching and irritation in the

vagina and at that entrance to the vagina (vulva)

\*A burning sensation, especially during intercourse or while urinating

\*Redness and swelling of the vulva

\*Vaginal pain and soreness

\*Thick, white, odor-free vaginal discharge with a cottage cheese appearance

#### When to see a doctor

Make an appointment with your doctor if:

\*This is the first time you've experienced yeast infection symptoms

\*You're not sure whether you have a yeast infection

\*Your symptoms don't go away after self-treating with over-the-counter antifungal vaginal creams or suppositories

\*You develop other symptoms

#### Overgrowth of yeast can result from:

Antibiotic use, which leads to a decrease in the amount of lactobacillus bacteria in your vagina and a change in your vaginal pH that allows yeast to overgrow

Pregnancy

Uncontrolled diabetes

Impaired immune system

Anything that changes the type and amount of bacteria normally present in the vagina, such as douching or irritation from inadequate vaginal lubrication

A yeast infection can be sexually transmitted, especially through oral-genital sexual contact. However, yeast infection isn't considered a sexually transmitted disease because it happens in celibate women and the candida fungus is naturally present in the vagina.



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### Sprouts must be cooked to avoid E.coli: EU food agency



#### Cooking sprout prevents E.coli infection

European Union food safety and disease prevention agencies on Wednesday recommended thorough cooking of fenugreek sprouts following outbreaks of E.coli linked to sprouts in France and Germany.

The two bodies conducted a study and said that they "strongly recommend to advise consumers not to grow sprouts for their own consumption and not to eat sprouts or sprouted seeds unless they have been cooked thoroughly".

The report by the Euro-

pean Food Safety Authority in Italy and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in Sweden said sprouts are often sold as mixes and "during re-packaging cross-contamination cannot be excluded".

The risk assessment study also said doctors "should be encouraged to report

new HUS (Haemolytic Uremic Syndrome) cases in a timely manner".

Raw fenugreek sprouts have been seen as a healthy ingredient for salads.

At least 48 people have died from an outbreak of a killer strain of E.coli bacteria centred in Germany and blamed on organic vegetable sprouts.

There has also been a separate outbreak in France linked by the government to a British sprout company in which 10 people have been taken ill.



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## Reflections: AIFF 2011 summing up: Sharing the experience



**Morning News reporter and photographer Rosalie Klein**

For the past 3 days I have been providing in-depth comments by my fellow jurors for the Caribbean Spotlight Series, Noel de Sousa and Emmanuel Itier, along with CSS Director, Aaron Hosé, in attempting to help observers of the event to understand the importance of the CSS in making the Aruba International Film Festival successful in the long-term. Organizers are aware that the

sold out performances for the CSS, (to the point requiring them to schedule extra screenings,) advance the essential notion of involving islanders in the AIFF and will hopefully stimulate more local participation in the competition next year.

There will certainly be at least one more AIFF, as the government has already announced their commitment to the event for 3 years. Both Noel and Emmanuel stressed the ultimate importance of this support for the AIFF to grow and become a major force in film festivals, which appears to now be a cottage industry a number of Caribbean locations are attempting to enter-but unsuccessfully. Noel described a horrendous experience as a judge in Panama, which ended with their first film festival, in his opinion, mostly due to lack

of government support.

Since the first AIFF, I have been there to meet the celebrities and participate in dialogs and interviews as local media; this year I was honored to be asked to be a judge for the CSS-this level of involvement was an exhilarating experience, which other island residence can also enjoy as volunteers. Most importantly, participation allows aspiring local filmmakers to meet and possibly network with, if not some very important and influential individuals in the industry such as Oscar-winning director Jonathan Demme, at the very least other producers, directors and festival personalities, such as my co-judges and those with entries in the CSS, which can be very important to their future as filmmakers.

In discussing cinema with Darrell Wilson, Professor of Experimental Film at NYU who came to Aruba to conduct an intense 96 hour master class during the AIFF, we agreed on the notion that movie making

is THE definitive art form of the 20th and 21st century. Still a relatively new art form, only 100 years old, continually advancing technology still allows for experimentation in the medium, which involves so many forms of creativity. Another important aspect of the festival is the content; it allows islanders access to films of a more artistic nature, most by independents, which they will never, ever see screened at our local cinemas. There is, literally, a world of fine films out there which are considered "non-commercial" and film festivals are their only chance to be seen and savored.

I have to say, Aruba is host to so many exciting events each year, which are usually priced to allow island residents as well as visitors to enjoy them, particularly compared to what similar festivals and concerts cost in the U.S. or Europe. I give credit to our government for insisting they involve and showcase local talent in some way. AIFF organizers sought to do this without

any requirements from officials. Aruban born and raised, Jonathan Vieira very much understands the desires and frustrations of his compatriots in being a part of this worldwide industry, and his co-producer, Giuseppe, an established filmmaker originally from Italy, is ardently supportive in developing a film industry in his chosen homeland. The AIFF is certainly the best tool to achieve this goal at present, as well as the development of a venue to train local filmmakers, as mentioned by Aaron.

I will finish with a noteworthy comment from Emmanuel, who has been on the board of the Santa Barbara Film Festival for 10 years "Figures show our film festival gives a 20% push into the local economy every year. I sincerely hope the Aruba government and the people of Aruba get more and more involved in this grand celebration of movie magic!" I heartily agree.

*by Rosalie Klein*

## Summer Arts Camp at Da Vinci Academy

Da Vinci Academy is organizing a Summer Arts Camp for kids of 8 to 12 years. The camp will take place on Monday, July 25, 2011 from 1:00 to 5:30 p.m. The program has an educational orientation with emphasis on the creative process. Kids can explore their creativity thru music, visual art, dance and drama. Music includes vocal and instrumental instructions and musical theatre. Learning to read music will be an important part of the program. Visual art includes painting with various materials deploying different techniques. Dance includes Movement, Ballet and Jazz. During the drama classes the kids can express themselves and find a great release for youthful energy.

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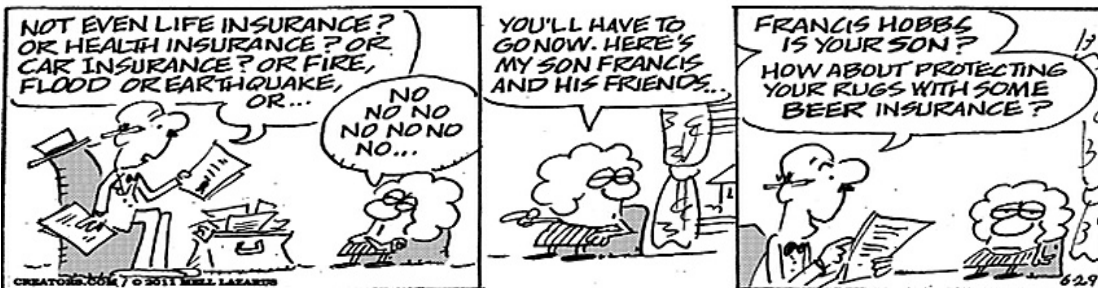


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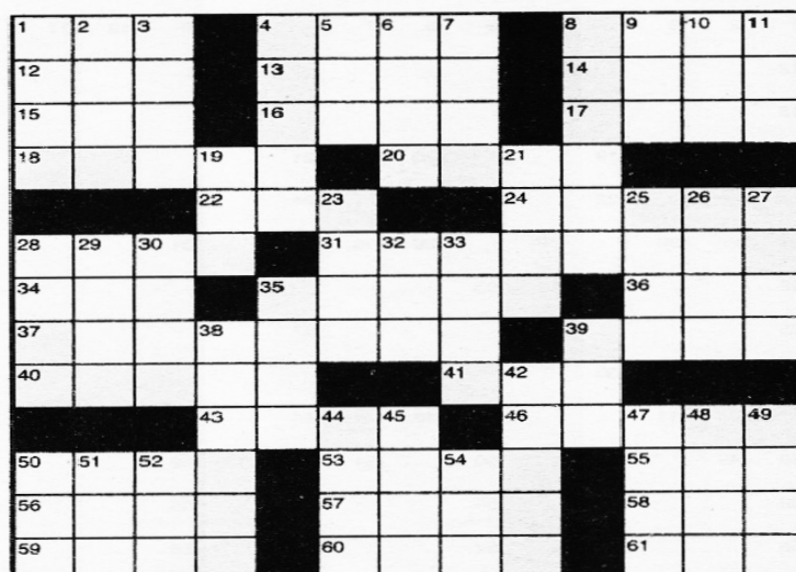
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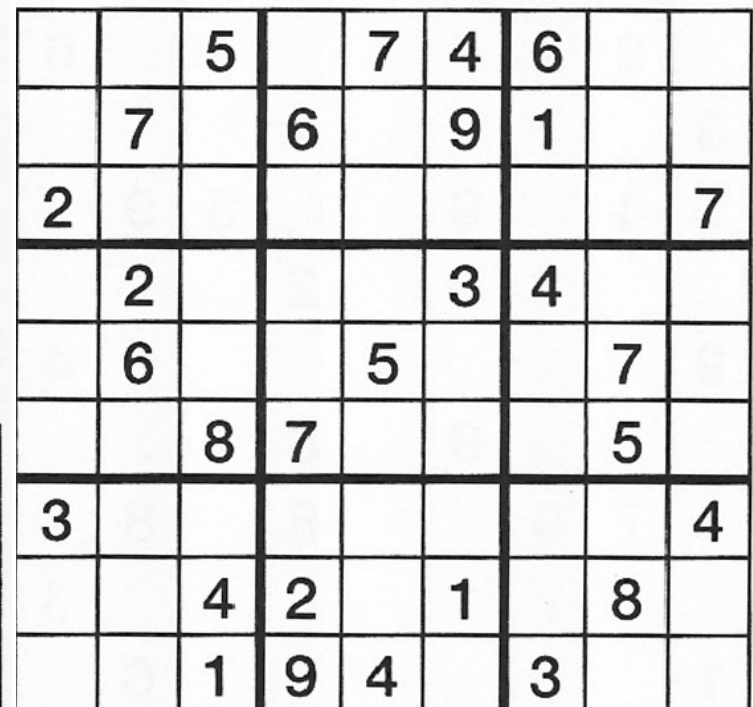
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## Finance

### Brussels urges EU VAT, new 'rebates' in big budget overhaul

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - The European Commission yesterday proposed an EU sales tax, a financial services tax and a sweeping reform of "rebates", including Britain's, as part of a vast rethink of the EU budget.

Commission president Jose Manuel Barroso said the European Union needed "an innovative budget" where "every euro spent reaches its target" in the next budgetary period from 2014 to 2020.

Presenting plans to enable the European Union's executive arm to raise its own finance rather than largely depending on funding by EU states, Barroso said the next seven-year budget would amount to 1,025 billion euros in commitments.

But the share of monies raised by the EU through new measures could amount to almost half of EU budget revenue, with contributions from member states falling from 76 percent of the total as is currently the case, to around one third.

To increase the EU executive's ability to levy resources, the commission suggested a "Tobin" tax on financial transactions in Europe, which is likely to be opposed by Britain, France and Germany, which

back such a tax at the global level since then it would apply to all countries equally.

It also proposed an EU-wide sales tax from 2014.

The new VAT would be levied across the 27-nation bloc, with a fixed percentage raised by governments and transferred directly to the EU during the next seven-year budget, from 2014 to 2020.

And it also called for a sweeping reform of EU 'rebates', the system of paybacks to certain member states each year which notably include a huge rebate to London negotiated decades back by Margaret Thatcher.

The reform of rebates, originally a compensation to members whose contribution was considered excessive, would also affect Germany, the Netherlands, Austria and Sweden.

Britain immediately slammed the budgetary proposals as "unrealistic" and "too large".

"The European Commission's proposal is completely unrealistic," a British government spokesman said. "It is too large, not the restrained budget they claim and incompatible with the tough decisions being taken in countries across Europe."

### Greece adopts austerity, street battles turn ugly

ATHENS, Greece (AFP) - Greek lawmakers backed a stinging new austerity plan demanded by international creditors yesterday, sparking frenzied battles between masked rioters and police firing tear gas late into the night.

Lawmakers voted 155 to 138 for the hotly-disputed package to slash 28.4 billion euros (\$40 billion) from the balance of government spending by 2015, a plan aimed at unlocking emergency finance

from the EU and the IMF.

An estimated 500 to 600 hardcore youths hurled missiles, according to police, who responded with volleys of tear gas that blanketed Syntagma Square in front of the parliament and reached high floors in surrounding buildings.

Security forces drove protesters further away from the parliament, but a blaze broke out at the finance ministry on the far side of the square amid early evening running battles.

European Union leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel hailed the parliamentary endorsement for the austerity measures, despite the fact a second vote on the detail behind the measures has still to be held today.

### IMF warns US on debt; says economy still frail

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The International Monetary Fund warned yesterday that the US debt burden is perilously unsustainable but advised against too-sharp fiscal adjustments that would slow the fragile economy.

In its annual assessment of the US financial situation, the IMF said that if the United States did not hike its debt ceiling soon to accommodate spending commitments, the impact could wreak havoc on global markets.

"Fiscal policy consolidation needs to proceed as debt dynamics are unsustainable and losing fiscal credibility would be extremely damaging," the Fund said.

"The main policy challenge is to implement a substantial and durable fiscal consolidation effort while ensuring that the still-fragile recovery remains on track."

Despite its dangerously heavy debt burden, the United States needs to increase the \$14.29 trillion cap on borrowings to avoid defaulting on its debt and sparking "a severe shock to the economy and world financial markets," the IMF said.

The US Treasury has forecast that it could be forced to hold back payments on borrowings beginning on August 2 if the cap is not raised.

The IMF said US growth would remain slow, with the economy expanding 2.5 percent in 2011 and 2.7 percent annually over 2012-2013, with the high unemployment and the comatose housing market acting as heavy drags.

It said slow growth in the first half of this year -- the first quarter registered a dull

1.9 percent pace -- was in part the result of higher oil prices and "transient factors" like the disruptions to industry after the March 11 Japanese earthquake-tsunami disaster.

Weighing in to the current battle between President Barack Obama's administration and congressional Republicans over how to address the country's huge debt and deficits, the IMF warned that deficit cuts proposed in February's budget could be too large and fast, given the current economic weakness.

Yet, it pointed out, the same cuts could be "insufficient to stabilize the debt by mid-decade."

It recommended a firm, evenly-paced strategy over five years from the coming fiscal year (beginning in October) to cut the deficit and stabilize debt.

The IMF said the plan should include spending cuts, entitlement reform -- a reference to the long-term burden of promised health and retirement benefits to seniors -- as well as revenue increases.

That appeared to match more the White House approach to the debt negotiations; Republicans have rejected any measures that would increase taxes to individuals or companies.

"Consideration could also be given to a national VAT (value added tax) or sales tax and carbon taxes, consistent with past advice by Fund staff," the IMF said.

Republicans are blocking an increase in the debt ceiling in order to force a settlement on spending cuts to close the deficit gap.

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## Island Temptations Magazine brings readers the charms of San Nicolas



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The Summer 2011 edition of Island Temptations is now available online ([www.island-temptations.com](http://www.island-temptations.com)) and on shelves at island resorts, hotels, local cafes, restaurants, retail outlets, and Ling & Sons Super Center. This edition's theme is "San Nicolas Risin'," with articles dedicated to the culture of the sunrise side of the island.

"San Nicolas has so many dimensions, so we easily filled an entire edition with so many of the charming facets that make San Nicolas such a welcome departure from the slick glossiness of Palm Beach and the hotel area...it just oozes the old Caribbean spirit," says editorial and creative director Tina Causey-Escobedo.

Local food and iconic landmarks and establishments are featured, but Island Temptations' director of sales and marketing Rona Coster, spearheaded the hunt for the movers, shakers, and iconic personalities of San Nicolas that keep the torch burning through good times and bad on the sunrise side of the island.

Enthuses Rona, "We hope that our readers, both locals and tourists, will be inspired by the new edition to make the short journey to San Nicolas to enjoy the laid-back vibe of this integral part of Aruba's landscape and culture!"



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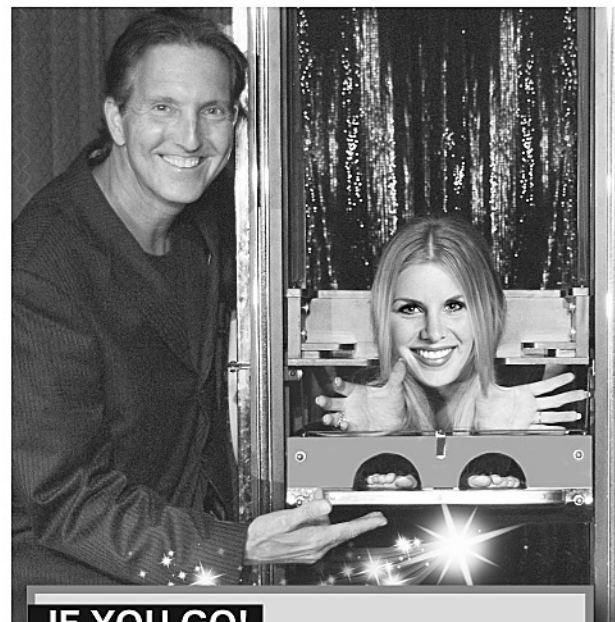
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## Law suit over Lady Gaga Japan relief efforts



file photoLady Gaga

American pop star Lady Gaga is accused of misrepresenting charitable donations from wristbands sold to benefit tsunami and earthquake victims in Japan earlier this year.

The complaint, filed in a Michigan court by 1800law-firm, says the star as well as her record label, Universal Music Group, and the Bravado International Group, lacked transparency surrounding the amount of money that was raised from sales of the wristbands and whether those funds were 100% allocated to earthquake and tsunami vic-

tims.

After the earthquake and tsunami disasters in March 2011 that devastated Japan, Lady Gaga created the rubber wristbands and the singer's website advertised that all proceeds from sales of the wristband would benefit victims.

The white rubber bracelets were sold for \$5 and inscribed in red with the phrase, "We pray for Japan," in English and Japanese.

"While we commend Lady Gaga for her philanthropic efforts, we want to ensure that claims that "all proceeds will be donated to Japan's earthquake relief efforts" are in fact true," said one of the plaintiff's lawyers, Alyson Oliver, in a press release.

The suit alleges that the singer and her partners "added additional "shipping charges" in excess of the amount required to ship the wristbands based on their weight, and retained a portion of the shipping charges," according to

court documents.

"This misguided lawsuit is without merit and unfortunately takes attention away from the kind deeds of the fans around the world who are supporting the people of Japan," said Lady Gaga's spokeswoman, Holly Shakoor in an email to AFP. "The entire \$5 donation made with the purchase of each bracelet is going to support the disaster relief. No profit is being made on shipping costs. Sales tax charges were made in accordance with local legal requirements," she added.

The lawsuit seeks damages, "including a return of all amounts paid for the products," according to the press release.

According to Japanese media, Lady Gaga has so far donated approximately \$3 million to disaster zones in the northeast of Japan, most of that from the sale of the wristbands. The star was in Tokyo last weekend for a charity concert organized by MTV Video Music Aid Japan.

## Drunken woman sprays police with breast milk

CHICAGO-An Ohio-resident Stephanie Robinette, 30, was arrested and charged with domestic violence and assault to a domestic dispute, as well as resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, according to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office.

After she sprayed sheriff's deputies with breast milk as they tried to remove her from a vehicle, a lactating woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

It said Robinette's husband told authorities the pair had been attending a wedding when his wife got drunk and started a dispute. He said that she hit him multiple times before locking herself in her car outside a banquet facility.

"When deputies attempted to remove Robinette from the vehicle she advised the deputies that she was a breast-feeding mother and proceeded to remove her right breast from her dress and began spraying deputies and the vehicle with her breast milk," Davis said.

Robinette was later re-

moved from the car and arrested after more deputies arrived on the scene.

"This is a prime example of how alcohol can make individuals do things they would not normally do," Davis said.

"I have no criminal record; I take these charges very seriously and I absolutely intend to seek help for substance abuse with alcohol because alcoholism run in my family," said Mrs. Robinette.





## Copa America Argentina \* July 1 - 24

## The Copa America rules



The trophy will involve 12 national teams, of which ten are members of the South American CONMEBOL, plus two selected as guests. The two teams that were invited are Japan and Mexico.

**RULES**

The 12 participating teams are divided into three groups of four teams each. Within each group each team plays three matches, one against each of the other members of the group.

Depending on the outcome of each game are awarded three points for the winner and no loser, in case of a tie gives each team a point.

Go to the next round the two teams from each group best ranked and the two best third. The ranking is determined by taking into account the following criteria in order of preference:

1. The highest number of points obtained taking into account all the group matches.

2. The greater goal difference together taking into account all the group matches.

3. The most goals scored for considering all the group matches.

If two or more teams are matched according to their positions above criteria will be determined by the following criteria in order of preference:

1. The highest number of points scored between the teams.

2. Goal difference considering the matches between the teams.

3. The highest number of goals scored by each team scored in games between the teams.

4. Draw the organizing committee of the Copa America.

The second round includes all the steps from the quarter-finals to the final. The winner of each match goes to the next phase, and the loser is eliminated.

In the final game the winner gets the Copa America.

If after 90 minutes, the game is tied to play extra time of two stages of 15 minutes each. If the result is still

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**Media coverage**

It was announced that YouTube will be streaming the tournament to over 50 countries worldwide.[37] The tournament will be shown on television in Venezuela on Venevision, the United States on Univision and Telefutura, on ESPN in the United Kingdom and PTV in Pakistan. Other broadcasters include Setanta Sports in the Republic Of Ireland, Sport1 in Germany and TVP Sport in Poland.

**Can Batista end Argentina's barren years?**

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - They say everything comes to him who waits and Argentina fans will be hoping that it is their turn after 18 years without a major trophy at senior level.

But after the adrenaline rush of a year-and-a-half under Diego Maradona they will happily bow to the somewhat more pragmatic approach of successor Sergio Batista if their 'albiceleste' can win a record 15th Copa America.

Given that the event is on home soil Batista and his charges will be firmly in the spotlight - but if he is a less exuberant character than Maradona he does possess a number of trump cards as he goes about trying to prevent bitter rivals Brazil winning their third straight continental crown.

One is that the 48-year-old from Buenos Aires earned respect as a heart-on-sleeve-wearing international midfielder who steadied the defensive ship while Maradona went marauding on the way to 1986 World Cup glory while another is that he started off at Maradona's own nursery side Argentinos Juniors.

A third factor in Batista's favour is that he is utterly shorn of the hype which resolutely stuck to Maradona's coattails during his ultimately ill-fated spell in charge which culminated in last summer's quarter-final thrashing by Germany in South Africa.

Appointed first as interim coach Batista can also point to having earned his corn with the under-23 side, whom he led to Olympic glory at the 2008 Beijing Games.

With that generation of players maturing he can now show he is the man to take the two-times champions forward, first by acquitting themselves well on home soil starting with group encounters with Bolivia, Colombia and Costa Rica before targeting an assault on a third World Cup success - in Brazil - in three years time.

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**Weather comes to embattled West Indies rescue**

BRIDGETOWN (AFP) - India were held up by seasonal rain, and a defiant sixth-wicket stand between Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Marlon Samuels on the second day of the second Test against West Indies on Wednesday.

Only 25.3 overs in just under two hours were possible on the second day, as West Indies reached 98 for five, in response to the Indians' first innings total of 201.

Ishant Sharma gave the visitors two early wickets, but Samuels, not out on 21, and Chanderpaul, not out on 20, added an unbroken partnership of 41 in between the showers to restore some stability to the hosts innings.

Sharma exploited a still lively Kensington Oval pitch and the overcast conditions, removed night-watchman Devendra Bishoo and compatriot Ramnaresh Sarwan in the space of four deliveries.

The beanpole Indian fast bowler has been the most successful of the visitors' bowlers, taking three for 31 from 10 overs, after West Indies

dies resumed on their overnight total of 30 for three.

Rain delayed the start of play by 45 minutes, but Sharma bristled with confidence, and gave India early success.

He had Bishoo caught in the gully for 13, fencing at a short, rising delivery in his seventh over, and three balls later trapped Sarwan lbw for 18 on the back foot with a delivery that moved back from outside the off-stump.

The visitors failed to make any more breakthroughs, particularly when play resumed about half-hour after the scheduled lunch interval with West Indies on 82 for five.

They met resistance from Samuels and Chanderpaul before rain drove the players off the field, and tea was taken during the stoppage.

A re-start appeared possible about 1 1/2 hours before the scheduled close, but just when Abhimanyu Mithun was about to deliver the first ball, rain sent the players scampering again, and they never returned.

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## Money good for PGA despite hurt Tiger, no Rory

NEWTOWN SQUARE (AFP) - Economic issues are going well for the US PGA, tour commissioner Tim Finchem said yesterday, even with Tiger Woods injured and top-ranked European stars skipping most US events.

Finchem cited a new sponsor deal for the Heritage and a renewal for the Barclays as positive signs as television contract renewals loom on the horizon.

"The economy still is in a very iffy posture but certainly we feel like the base has now been laid so that we can look out five or six years with a lot of positive anticipation," Finchem said.

"We're really pleased with the momentum we've had.

"If you look back three years with the economic crisis that occurred, we all were concerned about the extent to which we could go into that and hopefully come out of it stronger... and it would appear that that has been the case."

The business commitments come even with 14-time major champion Woods having gone winless for 20 months since the outbreak of his infamous sex scandal and having played only nine holes since the Masters due to a left knee injury.

Woods said on Tuesday he thinks he still has a chance to pass the all-time record of 18 majors won by Jack Nicklaus.

With 71 US PGA titles, Woods is also chasing the all-time record of 82 won by Sam Snead. Woods ranks third on that list now, also trailing Nicklaus on 73.

Also missing from US PGA events these days are the world's top-ranked stars such as No. 2 Lee Westwood of England and No. 3 Rory

McIlroy, the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland whose US Open victory two weeks ago made him the new face of golf for the casual follower.

"To watch him on Sunday walking around with him, he was very loose, he was very relaxed, he was smiling and laughing and enjoying it like he's 16 years old," Finchem said. "I mean, it's just great to watch. It's terrific for golf."

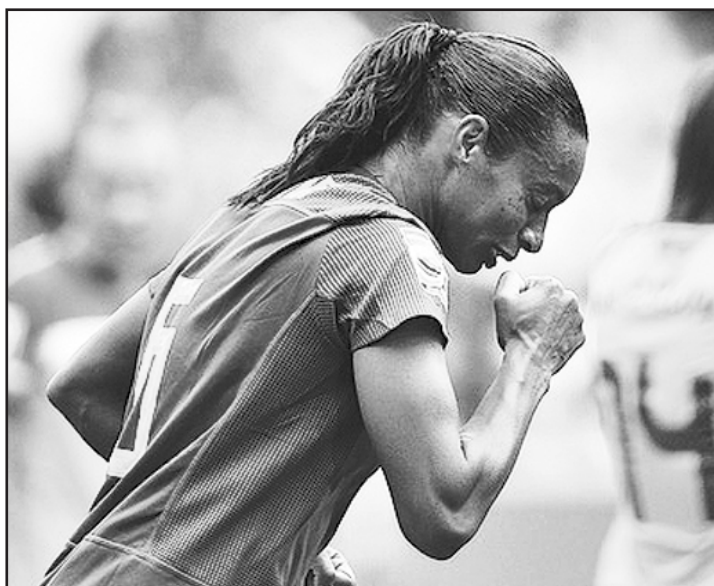
It's more terrific for the European Tour where McIlroy spends much of his time. Some top players elect to stay in Europe in part because they do not want to play the minimum number of events to keep US tour rights.

Asked about the possibility of a rule change to allow top-10 players to pick and choose US events with no minimum, Finchem said, "It's certainly a possibility. I wouldn't say it's the first thing on our agenda."

He also said that the system is not in place, in part, to ensure strong tours worldwide.



## Rosana gets Brazil off mark against Aussie girls; Norway edge valiant debutantes Equatorial Guinea



**Brazil's defender Rosana celebrates after scoring the 1-0 goal during the group D football match**

MOENCHENGLADBACH (AFP) - Brazil's Samba Queens got their bid for a first women's World Cup title off to a winning start here on Wednesday with a 1-0 victory over Australia in their Group D opener.

A second half goal from midfielder Rosana secured all

three points for the Brazilians who are bidding for their first title after being runners-up four years ago to Germany in China.

The goal brightened spirits at the Borussia Park stadium after days of sunshine in western Germany had given way to chilly conditions.

And the much-anticipated clash had failed to warm the crowd early on with Brazil superstar Marta far from her inspirational form in a drab first half which saw the young Matildas prove more than a match for the world number three team.

Collette McCallum missed Australia's first chance after

six minutes when she sent a freekick, awarded following a Daiane foul on Lisa De Vanna, over the bar.

And Kyah Simon could have opened after 23 minutes but for a tremendous save from veteran Brazil goalie Andreia.

Brazil came out firing after the break with Rosana finally lifting spirits as she took advantage of some confusion on front of the Australian goal to pick up a short pass from Cristiane after 54 minutes to fire past Melissa Barbieri.

Brazil next play former champions Norway who earlier beat Equatorial Guinea 1-0 in Augsburg while Australia will take on the Africans debutantes on July 3.

The 1995 champions Norway survived a battle with debutantes Equatorial Guinea in Group D action at the Women's World Cup here on Wednesday, winning 1-0 thanks to Emelie Haavi's late goal.

The back-and-forth encounter saw Norway hit the woodwork on three occasions before Haavi's match winner in the 84th minute.

The 2000 Olympic champions Norway have three points in Group D while Equatorial Guinea are empty handed despite a strong showing.

## MLB Standings

### American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	45	31	.592	--
BOSTON	45	32	.584	0.5
TAMPA	44	34	.564	2.0
TORONTO	39	39	.500	7.0
BALTIMORE	35	40	.467	9.5

### Central

DETROIT	42	36	.538	--
CLEVELAND	40	36	.526	1.0
CHICAGO	38	41	.481	4.5
KANSAS	33	45	.423	9.0
MINNESOTA	32	44	.421	9.0

### West

TEXAS	41	38	.519	--
SEATTLE	39	39	.500	1.5
LA ANGELES	39	40	.494	2.0
OAKLAND	35	44	.443	6.0

### National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	49	30	.620	--
ATLANTA	44	35	.557	5.0
WASHINGTON	40	38	.513	8.5
NY METS	39	39	.500	9.5
FLORIDA	34	44	.436	14.5

### Central

MILWAUKEE	44	35	.557	--
ST. LOUIS	41	38	.519	3.0
PITTSBURG	39	38	.506	4.0
CINCINNATI	40	39	.506	4.0
CHICAGO	31	46	.403	12.0
HOUSTON	28	51	.354	16.0

### West

SAN FRANCISCO	44	34	.564	--
ARIZONA	43	36	.544	1.5
COLORADO	38	39	.494	5.5
LA DODGERS	35	44	.443	9.5
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## Silver anniversary Hi-Winds begins today!

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This year, on the heels of the return of the PWA to Aruba, the Hi-Winds begins its silver anniversary edition

encourage everyone to come and watch the windsurfing excitement and enjoy the fabulous events that accompany the races, particularly over the weekend. For the first time in a number of years, Aruba's own Sarah-Quita Of-fringa, the PWA World Champion in Women's Freestyle for the past 3 years, and now ranked #1 in Slalom, will participate in what she declared "is my favorite event of all the windsurfing competitions."

Despite having pursued and maintained her professional championship status at competitions around the globe, including Turkey, Spain, Germany and Korea, she is

Bright Happy Hour from 4:00 to 6:00 PM under the tent at Fisherman's Huts north of the Marriott Resort. Freestyle competitions will take place on Saturday and Sunday, with the crowning of the "King, Queen, Prince and Kid of the Huts" on Sunday afternoon.

Cool 98.9 FM radio has set up their studio at Fisherman's Huts to broadcast live throughout the event. Over the weekend, there are many exciting activities and shows for spectators, including on both days

Kiteboarding shows featuring amazing acrobatics, which begin at 5:00 PM. Saturday will also feature the popular "Nightriders" demonstration beginning at



today, with all the thrills and excitement of Freestyle, with its acrobatic tricks, Slalom racing along the coastline, and breathtaking Kiteboarding competitions, which are unique to the HI-Winds.

This year's PWA Aruba Men's Slalom champion, Bjorn Dunkerbeck, joined with HI-Winds organizers to

happy to again be a part of the HI-Winds, where she first developed her talent and skills.

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. today, Aruba's shores will be filled with the stunning sight of colorful sails making their way up and down the coastline, with the first of the Slalom heats. All are welcome to enjoy the daily Amstel

8:00 p.m., followed by dancing on the beach with Duchi Band, Sunday's night time beach party features popular local groups DataPanik and Honeypot.

The Hi-Winds will end on Monday evening, July 4 with the awards ceremony at Paseo Herencia shopping center in Palm Beach.

## Super Tsonga shatters Federer, faces Djokovic



French player Jo-Wilfried Tsonga reacts after beating Swiss player Roger Federer (AFP photo)

LONDON (AFP) - France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga sent six-time champion Roger Federer spinning to a landmark defeat at Wimbledon on Wednesday to set-up a semi-final showdown with Novak Djokovic.

Tsonga bludgeoned Federer to a sensational 3-6, 6-7 (3/7), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 loss, condemning the Swiss to his first defeat in a Grand Slam when holding a two sets to love lead.

Friday's other semi-final will see top seed Rafael Nadal face off against British hope Andy Murray after they comfortably negotiated their respective quarter-finals against Mardy Fish and Feliciano Lopez.

But the story of the day was Tsonga's stunning victory on Centre Court which raises more doubts about Federer's ability to add to his record haul of 16 Grand Slams as he approaches the twilight of his career.

Federer, 29, who was also beaten in the quarter-finals in 2010, insisted he is not a spent force and can capture

another major title.

"I think I definitely can, yes. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't the case," he said.

"I'm healthy. Even though I took a tough loss today, I don't feel discouraged in any way. I'll work harder than ever and hopefully come back extremely strong for Davis Cup next week and then the American summer again."

Before Wednesday, Federer had boasted a 178-0 Grand Slam win-loss record when winning the first two sets.

His only defeats from two sets to love up had come against Lleyton Hewitt in the 2003 Davis Cup final and in the 2005 Master in Shanghai against David Nalbandian.

Tsonga, a defeated quarter-finalist last year, said he surprised himself by his performance.

"It was amazing. I played unbelievable. It's never easy to come back against Roger. I'm so happy, it's crazy," said Tsonga, whose best Grand Slam performance was runners-up spot at the 2008 Australian Open.

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